

Exchange Program Alumni



Embassy Baghdad sponsors a variety of international exchange programs each year, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#) (ECA). These exchanges are designed to enhance mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and Iraq. The Department of State is committed to supporting alumni by providing resources that will help them to build upon their exchange experience.

Alumni Opportunities

All Embassy-sponsored exchange program participants and alumni living in Iraq will soon have opportunities to be involved in a country-wide **Iraqi/U.S. Alumni Association**. The association is currently under construction, but in the near future exchange participants will see information posted about exchange activities and special resources available such as:

- Events-conferences, receptions, roundtables, and training sessions
- Publications and reference materials
- Smaller alumni associations such as the newly formed MEPI Alumni Association
- Other opportunities involving alumni-run initiatives (mentoring, volunteering, conferences, etc.)

Who is an alumnus?

You are an alumnus of an Embassy exchange program if you have participated in at least one of the following:

AAUW (American Associations of University Women) International Fellowships
Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at MIT
Association for Iraqi Grads of American Universities
Bentley University Global Business Ethics Symposium and Teaching Workshop
Cultural Exchanges
Curriculum Development Exchange Program
English Language Programs
ExxonMobil Middle Eastern Scholars Program
Fulbright Exchange Programs
Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship

Human Rights Watch Fellowships in International Human Rights
Individual Grant Recipients
International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP)
Iraq Scholars and Leaders Program (ISLP)
Iraq Women in Engineering and Applied Sciences (IWASE)
Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program for Undergraduate Students (IYLEP)
Kennedy Center Programs
Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)
Partnerships for Learning Undergraduate Studies Program
Teacher Training Program
Student Advising Programs
Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI)
The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program at the National Endowment for Democracy
Todd G. Patkin Visiting Fellowship in Arab Democracy and Development – Saban Center for Middle East Policy- the Brookings Institution
Volunteer Visitor Program
Yale World Fellows Program
Youth Education and Study Program (YES)

Online **Global** Community for Alumni of U.S. Government-sponsored Exchange Programs

State Alumni is the official website for more than one million alumni of exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs worldwide. Interactive, dynamic and **password-protected**, *alumni.state.gov* offers alumni from U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs a place to:

- Network with alumni from Fulbright, IVLP and other U.S. government-sponsored programs
- Find grant and funding opportunities worth more than \$33 billion
- Access more than 20,000 free periodicals, newspapers and more
- Find the latest research in your field, plus jobs and career resources
- Participate in "Q&A Live" discussions with experts
- Share your experience with a global audience
- Read alumni success stories, perspectives and ideas
- Stay involved through regional and local alumni associations

The emphasis in State alumni is on user-created content, so members are encouraged to post events, job announcements, news, photos, and grant opportunities **directly** to State alumni. To access the global community, click on this link <https://alumni.state.gov>. All alumni are invited to register for the site by clicking "[Join Now](#)." All members are verified as alumni of a U.S. government-sponsored exchange program before receiving full access.

The Near East Region

In addition, the State Alumni website also has a section for alumni from the Near East which gives access to **region-wide communities** such as YES, Humphrey, Fulbright, and English Language Fellows. Tailored precisely to the needs of the Near East alumni of U.S. government-sponsored exchanges, this section of the State webpage contains many regional features such as jobs, grants, news, and other opportunities unique to the Near East region. Some Arabic-language content is also available. Once alumni log into State Alumni, they can select the Near East region from the drop-down menu on the right-hand side of the home page. Only alumni of the Near East are given access to this community.

How to Contact Us

- **Local Alumni**

Contact us at Iraqialumni@state.gov to tell us **who you are** and **which program** you are an alumnus of. Visit <http://iraq.usembassy.gov/education.html> often for news about the upcoming Iraqi/U.S. Alumni Association program.

- **Global State Alumni**

For questions regarding the Global State Alumni website, please visit <https://alumni.state.gov> and click on "contact us."

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